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United States v. Nikolay Levinson Ind. 23 Cr. 570 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

I am the attorney for Mr. Levinson in the above referenced matter. I write to apologize to Your Honor, the AUSA, and Mr. Levinson for my failure to appear in court today. I recently had knee replacement surgery and have had some trouble returning to work and keeping up with my calendar. I say that not as an excuse, since it is insufficient, but simply as an explanation for my failure to appear. I somehow lost track of Mr. Levinson's court date which will not happen again. I will see Mr. Levinson next week to discuss his case further and to apologize to him in person. Again, I am sorry and assure the court that this will not happen again.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

David Stern